

**REMARKS**

This Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action is being submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 4, 2005. Claims 1-9, 11-28, and 32-34 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14-19, 21-25, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cisco Systems Inc. ("Using Threshold Manager"). Claims 4 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cisco Systems Inc. in view of Ordanic et al. (US 5,751,964). Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cisco Systems Inc. Claims 9 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cisco Systems Inc. in view of Microsoft Corporation. Claims 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cisco Systems Inc. in view of Fowler et al. (US 6,714,977).

Claims 32-34 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the above rejections, Claims 1, 8, 11-14, 18-22, 33, and 34 have been amended to further clarify the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, independent Claims 1, 8, 11-14, and 22 have been amended to incorporate the novel elements/limitations of dependent Claim 32 (now canceled), and dependent Claims 18-21, 33, and 34 have been amended to correct minor informalities/dependency problems. For example, independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of managing a telecommunications network, comprising:
  - executing at least one application on a network device;
  - receiving a threshold expression from a user through a user interface; and

implementing the threshold expression within the network device while the network device is operational, wherein said implementing step comprises:

storing the threshold expression in a configuration database,

establishing at least one active query between said configuration database and said application so as to send a notification from the configuration database to the application upon occurrence of a change in said threshold expression, and

***linking the application to a threshold monitoring library (TML), said TML causing the application to retrieve said threshold expression from the configuration database,***

***wherein said step of establishing the at least one active query further comprises:***

***establishing an active query between said configuration database and said TML for providing the TML with notification of a change to said threshold expression.***

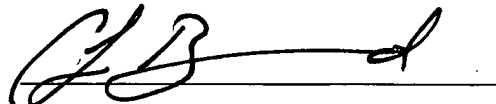
These amendments are fully supported in the Specification, Drawings, and Claims of the Application and no new matter has been added. Based upon the amendments, reconsideration and allowance of the Application is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants would like to thank Examiner for the attention and consideration accorded the present Application. Should Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place the Application in condition for allowance, Examiner is encouraged to contact undersigned Counsel at the telephone number, facsimile number, address, or email address provided below. It is not believed that any fees for additional claims, extensions of time, or the like are required beyond those that may otherwise be indicated in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if such additional fees are required, Examiner is encouraged to notify undersigned Counsel at Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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